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# Smithsonian Institution

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S. P. LANGLEY,  
SECRETARY.

Professor S. Watson,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to learn from your letter of the 15th inst. that the plates of Doctor Gray's proposed work on "Forest trees" have been found in the attic of your Herbarium building. These plates cost the Institution over Three thousand dollars, and some use should be made of them. Could you furnish us with a descriptive list to be printed to accompany the plates if it is decided to distribute them?

As it is my wish to have all the property of the Institution represented by stereotypes, plates, lithographic stones, etc., stored here in Washington, I shall be obliged if you will have all the material referred to in your letter carefully boxed and shipped to the Institution by freight line, as soon as convenient.

Please present my respects to Mrs. Gray, and believe me  
Yours truly,

*S. P. Langley*  
Secretary.